



## AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

### AR.137A – Possession of non-approved and modified whips

#### Summary:

Racing Australia is of the view that the rule prohibiting use of whips which have not been approved by Racing Australia and whips that have been approved by Racing Australia but have been modified should be extended to include possession of such whips. Racing Australia believes that this will strengthen the rule and further limit the use of such whips by riders.

#### 1. Amend AR.137A as follows:

**“AR.137A.** (1)(a) Only padded whips of a design and specifications approved by Racing Australia (“approved whip”) may be carried in races, official trials, jump-outs or trackwork.

(b) Every approved whip must be in a satisfactory condition and must not be modified in any way.

(c) The Stewards may confiscate any whip which:

(i) is not an approved whip; or

(ii) is an approved whip which, in their opinion, is not in a satisfactory condition or has been modified in any way.

(d) Any rider who has been found guilty of a breach of this rule may be penalised. Provided that the master and/or other person who is in charge of an apprentice jockey at the relevant time may also be penalised unless he satisfies the Stewards that he took all proper care to ensure the apprentice complied with the rule.

(2) Any person who has in his or her possession:

(a) a whip which is not an approved whip; or

(b) an approved whip which has been modified in any way,

commits an offence and may be penalised.”

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